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My facsimiles of 2004-02-19 and -03-07
Your letter mailed 03/19/2004, received 04/01/2004

Dear Mrs. Draper,

2004-04-01

After having discussed with you the subjects, listed in the above-mentioned facsimiles, with the exception of c) and d) on March 15 I got your approval for the completion, which I have accomplished within one week. I may repeat some thereof:

A *single* main latch plate (9) can *never* move along the lap- and second shoulder belt *portions*. It can *only* move either along the lap belt portion (1.3) or along the second shoulder belt portion (1.2). *In short, it is moveable not along both portions, but only along a single belt portion of any seat belt.*

In the office action you cited two references US 6,145,881 and US 5,599,070, both teaching shoulder-belt-portion guiding deflectors with fixed height. Despite raising objection to US 6,145,881 and others, listed in the subject b), I consequently outlined all the references and compared, for example, US 6,145,881 and US 5,599,070 with

- my shoulder-belt-portion guiding deflectors, height-adjustable, already addressed in the translation of DE 197 49 780 C2 (EP 1 037 773 B1) submitted to USPTO on Oct. 8, 2000, and
- the related claims 74 to 77

in the amended application. Logically, the completion of the subjects a), b) and others, disclosed in my facsimiles of 2004-02-19, as well as the related claims 74 to 90 fully complies with responding to the office action within the principle object of the present invention to enhance survival chance, user-friendliness, convenience and comfort. Moreover, additional claims within the principle object of the present invention are permitted since it is non-final.

As a result, on March 25 I have already mailed to you that amended application incl. enclosures and to USPTO five other amended applications.

Thank you for your attention and help in advance.

Kind regards

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